

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for applying an adhesive material to a surface to be treated, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an applicator comprising at least one absorbent portion, said absorbent portion comprising an exterior surface;

providing an adhesive material, said adhesive material comprising 1,1-disubstituted ethylene monomers;

applying the adhesive material to the exterior surface of said absorbent portion so that the adhesive material is then absorbed into the absorbent portion of said applicator;

applying said adhesive material to said surface to be treated by contacting said absorbent portion with said surface to be treated.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the surface to be treated is living tissue.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least the adhesive material is sterilized.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the applicator and adhesive material are sterilized.

5. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising exposing the exterior surface of the absorbent portion to atmosphere prior to applying the adhesive material to the exterior surface.